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Routine traffic stops along highways this year have led to large amounts of drugs being seized

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi says that possibly improper election donations should be investigated in light of a recently surfaced video showing a local home builder talking about donations to a conservative political training centre. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Nenshi wants donor probe

Manning Centre.

Conservative political training centre isn't hiding anything, says incoming president

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi believes an investigation is necessary to address concerns over municipal-election donations raised in a secret video that surfaced this week.

The video, obtained by Global Calgary, shows Shane Homes founder Cal Wenzel speaking at a private residential-development meeting mentioning a \$1.1-million donation to the Manning Centre and a list of aldermen they consider pro-development.

Calgary aldermen mentioned in the video have been quick to defend their donations and their voting record, and Nenshi reinforced that on Tuesday by saying everyone has the right to be involved in politics.

Apolitical organization

- Charron Ungar, president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, Calgary region, said his organization, while acting as both a resource and a voice for homebuilders, is apolitical. "Like any industry in the city, you're going to have individuals who are more politically active than others, and I think that video is an example of that," he said.

"If you're going to do it, you have to do it in a way that's transparent, ethical and above board — and most of all, a way that's legal," Nenshi said.

The mayor's concern lies in what he calls a potential "skirting" of election-financing laws, by organizations such as the Manning Centre, which he says could be going over donor limits through in-kind donations.

Nenshi said things get murkier when homebuilders are left with the impression their donation is for a particular purpose.

"If the donor is giving a donation expecting a benefit, then it's not a donation, by law," he said.

Chuck Strahl, incoming president of the Manning Centre, said they've never hidden the fact they have taken donations from homebuilders — as well as other people and businesses — and that they are offering candidates and other political operatives training in a "market-oriented" approach to the political system.

"The contribution agreements are quite specific on what we're about," Strahl said. "This is about training and equipping people for (public) office." **DARREN KRAUSE/METRO**

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Lord Shaughnessy

No sponsor-named school facilities — yet — CBE says

Sponsor agreements may be signed but the Calgary Board of Education has not committed to naming any facilities in a southwest school, representatives said Tuesday.

The comments come in contrast to ones made by superintendent of learning innovation Cathy Faber last week when she told Metro during two separate interviews that at least two sponsors would be unveiled at a May 7 opening event at Lord Shaughnessy school, adding, "These are people who want their name on the doors or they've funded the suite and they want to announce that."

Faber also made numerous references to an administrative-regulation change that surfaced last fall allowing corporations to have their names featured in labs, classrooms and other areas of a school — she said the sponsors came as a direct result of that change. But while the CBE acknowledged Tuesday agreements may be signed concerning the career- and technology-focused Lord Shaughnessy school, only the board of elected trustees can approve naming rights in a building.

Officials also issued a statement late Monday afternoon claiming Faber "misspoke" in her interviews last week.

Metro attempted to interview trustee chair Pat Cochrane about the matter after a meeting Tuesday but was instead provided with a statement from her later in the day confirming the board had seen no such proposals. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Family claims clinic denied care to their baby girl

Parents of a southern Alberta baby who became severely ill earlier this month say they were denied care at a clinic because of a legal charge facing a relative — a move they allege nearly cost their seven-month-old her life.

On April 5, Daniel Stephan watched as his daughter Serenity became extremely lethargic to the point where her eyes repeatedly glazed over.

He and wife Kara-Lyn took the baby to Raymond Medical



Serenity Stephan is seen in hospital. COURTESY OF DANIEL STEPHAN

Clinic but Stephan claims a physician there informed them he was "biased" toward the

family because of the "situation" involving brother David Stephan and his wife Collet.

The pair were criminally charged in February with neglect in the death of their 19-month-old son Ezekiel, but have claimed it was actually Alberta Health Services that failed him by not dispatching an ambulance from the closest town.

"That whole thing has absolutely nothing to do with us," Daniel said. "I was disgusted."

When contacted Tuesday, a representative with the Raymond Medical Clinic said no one would be providing comment.

Daniel said the child, who was eventually taken to Calgary hospital, is now doing well and he credited paramedics and the staff in Calgary for that.

Daniel has now filed complaints with both the Chinook Health Region and College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Highway stops lead to massive drug busts

Police service dogs. Canine counterparts assisted in 16 of 23 busts so far in 2013



HEATHER MCINTYRE
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Large amounts of drugs have been seized by RCMP through routine traffic stops along Alberta's highways so far this year.

Nearly 181 kilograms of marijuana — enough to make 700,000 joints — along with substantial quantities of cocaine, heroin, oxycodone, crystal meth, mushrooms and GHB have been confiscated by



Supt. Howard Eaton, officer-in-charge of traffic services with RCMP K Division, speaks to reporters at headquarters in Edmonton on Tuesday. Eaton was highlighting work done by traffic members over the last few months along Alberta's highways, which has resulted in the seizure of drugs, cash and weapons. **HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO**

the RCMP's Roving Traffic Unit (RTU) since the start of January.

"We've got half a million dollars in cash sitting on the table here, and millions of dollars worth of contraband," Supt. Howard Eaton, officer-in-charge of traffic services with RCMP K Division, said Tuesday during a

press conference at headquarters in Edmonton. "This all came off the highways."

The busts were mostly in the Lake Louise and Jasper areas, though also near Strathmore and Olds, Eaton said.

"Traffic enforcement members play a key role in crime

reduction and illegal activities," he said. "They do speeding tickets, they do following too close, they do unsafe lane changes, they do impaired drivers and, when they get a car stopped, they have the skills and the training to take it to the next step ... and this is the result."

Facing charges

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28 people are facing charges — three women and 25 men — mostly from Alberta and B.C.

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11 NEWS

Ward 1

Dale Hodges



Total contributions: \$14,000
Industry contributions: \$8,900
Total fundraising: \$14,980
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 2

Gord Lowe



Total contributions: \$18,400
Industry contributions: \$13,000
Total fundraising: \$57,850
Fundraising from industry: \$21,250

Ward 3

Jim Stevenson



Total contributions: \$100,800
Industry contributions: \$53,250
Total fundraising: \$2,040
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 4

Gael MacLeod



Total contributions: \$22,681
Industry contributions: \$0
Total fundraising: \$481
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 5

Ray Jones



Total contributions: \$18,200
Industry contributions: \$11,100
Total fundraising: \$49,830
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Builders, developers spread campaign funds far and wide

Last election.

All but one current alderman shared in roughly \$178K worth of direct contributions



ROBSON FLETCHER

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Money from Calgary's home-building and development industries accounted for 35 per cent of roughly \$500,000 in campaign contributions that successful candidates for alderman received in the last election, according to data analyzed by Metro.

Thirteen of the city's 14 current aldermen received sizable donations from the industries, according to financial disclosure documents, with Ald. Gael MacLeod as the lone outlier.

Ald. Jim Stevenson received the most, which he said is probably related to the fact that there is so much development going on in his ward.

But Stevenson stressed that, in his mind, the money came with no strings attached.

"It's not that (contributors) give money with the expectation of getting something in return," he said. "They go, I think, on the record of the candidate



Ald. Gael MacLeod was the only candidate for alderman to make it to Calgary City Hall in the last election without direct campaign contributions from companies that build homes or do residential development. METRO FILE

to decide whether or not they want to give to that candidate."

Ald. Peter Demong views his contributions in a similar way.

"In any campaign, you are putting yourself out there and saying, 'These are the things I believe in,'" he said. "Whoever decides to donate ... it's be-

cause of what you have put out there."

Demong was one of only three aldermen to also report — in detail — where money from his various fundraising events came from, along with Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra and Ald. Gord Lowe.

Method

- For the purposes of these calculations, Metro only looked at donations of over \$100 and counted "industry" contributions as those from companies that build homes or are directly involved in residential development.
- The "industry" figures do not include donations from associated companies such as architectural or engineering firms. More detailed analysis can be found at metronews.ca.

Lowe said money he received would never buy his vote at the council table.

"I've had a lot of interaction with (builders and developers) because virtually every one of them is active in my ward," he said. "But I know I've not always made them happy with my decisions and my votes."

MacLeod was the only alderman who didn't receive direct contributions from the industries.

"It was really a campaign of friends," MacLeod said of her 2010 election victory, noting she knew virtually every person who contributed to her campaign.

Ward 10

Andre Chabot



Total contributions: \$34,013
Industry contributions: \$16,363
Total fundraising: \$44,395
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 11

Brian Pincott



Total contributions: \$27,753
Industry contributions: \$3,100
Total fundraising: \$9,750
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 12

Shane Keating



Total contributions: \$18,100
Industry contributions: \$9,500
Total fundraising: \$0
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 13

Diane Colley-Urquhart



Total contributions: \$44,450*
Industry contributions: \$22,700
Total fundraising: \$0
Fundraising from industry: N/A

*The disclosure reports \$47,450, but the sum of all disclosed contributions is \$44,450.

Ward 14

Peter Demong



Total contributions: \$24,168
Industry contributions: \$4,800
Total fundraising: \$16,350
Fundraising from industry: \$7,050

Ward 6

Richard Pootmans



Total contributions: \$43,109
Industry contributions: \$13,350
Total fundraising: \$0
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 7

Druh Farrell



Total contributions: \$16,333
Industry contributions: \$1,329
Total fundraising: \$45,348
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 8

John Mar



Total contributions: \$63,660
Industry contributions: \$19,750
Total fundraising: \$121,981
Fundraising from industry: N/A

Ward 9

Gian-Carlo Carra



Total contributions: \$58,945
Industry contributions: \$500
Total fundraising: \$44,375
Fundraising from industry: \$4,659

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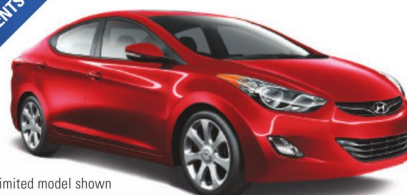
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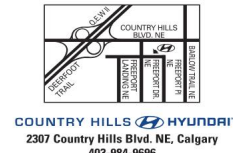
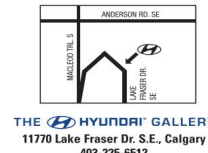
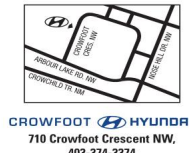
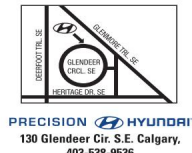
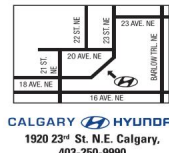
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The Associated Press

Hackers hit U.S. news giant, claim Obama injured

Hackers compromised Twitter accounts of The Associated Press on Tuesday, sending out a false tweet about an attack at the White House.

It said there had been two explosions and Barack Obama was injured.

AP spokesperson Paul Colford said the news cooperative is working with Twitter to investigate the issue. The AP has disabled its other Twitter accounts following the attack.

The Syrian Electronic Army claimed responsibility for the hack. This couldn't be corroborated.

The FBI has opened an investigation into the incident, spokesperson Jenny Shearer said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The public eye

Harper's wife: No tips for Trudeau's

Laureen Harper has no tips for the Trudeau's about living in the public eye. She says she could take lessons from Justin Trudeau's wife, Sophie. She walks down the street "and people know her ... nobody would know me."

"I wouldn't give her any advice, they are more pub-

lic," Laureen Harper added at 24 Sussex Drive.

The Trudeau's already have a much higher public profile among Canadians, Laureen Harper said.

Sophie Trudeau is a former model and television host, well-known in Quebec.

Justin Trudeau, has been in the public spotlight since the day he was born; his father Pierre Trudeau was prime minister.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Accused in the alleged VIA Rail terror plot: Raed Jaser, left, and Chiheb Esseghaier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Men deny VIA Rail terror plot

Al-Qaida in Iran to blame? Two charged over alleged plan to hit passenger train appear in court

Esseghaier, who appeared in court in Montreal, stood calmly in the witness box and asked to address the court.

"The conclusions were made based on acts and words which are only appearances," he said.

The judge, Pierre Labelle, explained it wasn't the right venue for his remarks.

Both Esseghaier and Jaser are charged with conspiracy to murder for the benefit of a terrorist group, participating in a terrorist group and conspiring to interfere with transportation facilities for the benefit of a terrorist group. Esseghaier faces an additional count of participating in a terrorist group.

If convicted, they could be sentenced to life in prison.

Several family members attended Jaser's brief Toronto court appearance.

"Of course I am supporting my son, of course," said his father, Mohammed Jaser, as about two dozen journalists surrounded him. "Let the police do their job."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two men charged in an alleged al-Qaida-supported terror plot to attack a VIA Rail passenger train disputed the allegations against them Tuesday as they made their first appearances in court.

Raed Jaser, 35, and Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, are facing several terrorism charges each in what the RCMP is calling the first known alleged plot in Canada directed by the terrorist organization.

Quoted

"Let the police do their job."

Mohammed Jaser, father of Raed Jaser, supporting his son's innocence



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Forecast. Canada Post could have \$1B annual losses by 2020, report says

A think-tank commissioned by Canada Post is warning that the Crown corporation will be losing \$1 billion a year by the end of this decade.

The Conference Board of Canada says the postal service is being hit by a dramatic reduction in volumes in the age of digital communication.

It estimates that the volume of bills, invoices, advertising and publications handled by Canada Post will decline by more than 25 per cent by 2020.

The volume of parcel delivery is expected to buck the trend and grow by 26 per cent



New stamps commemorating classic Canadian rock bands including The Tragically Hip, Rush, The Guess Who and Beau Dommage will be available July 19. CANADA POST/THE CANADIAN PRESS

due to online shopping, but the Conference Board says it

won't be enough to offset the revenue lost in other areas.

The report says price increases alone won't make Canada Post self-sustaining. It estimates \$576 million a year could be saved by the elimination of door-to-door delivery for urban homes that get it — about one-third of Canada's households.

Canada Post issued a statement as the Conference Board analysis was released, saying the report is "the beginning of an important conversation" about what the public values.

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India's outsourcing firms face U.S. backlash

Hewlett-Packard employees work at the company's Business Process Outsourcing centre in Bangalore, India, in this 2007 photo. For years, India's multibillion-dollar outsourcing industry skated over criticism that it was eliminating white-collar jobs in rich nations. Now, the industry's long-held fears of a backlash are being realized in its crucial U.S. market. Provisions in an overhaul of U.S. immigration law will close loopholes that allow outsourcing companies, both Indian and American, to pay guest workers in the U.S. at rates often below wages for equivalent-level Americans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Foreign workers program is meant for high-skilled positions, Carney says

Last hurrah. At his final appearance before the finance committee, BoC governor tackles variety of sensitive subjects



Mark Carney at a finance committee hearing Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says the controversial temporary foreign workers program should not be used to drive wages down or to fill lower-skilled jobs.

Speaking to the Commons finance committee for the last time before his departure for London in June, Carney said the intent of the program is that it be used primarily to fill needs for high-skilled jobs tem-

porarily, until businesses can train Canadians to take over.

In a two-hour appearance on Tuesday, Carney used the occasion to touch on a number

of politically sensitive subjects, including the government's move to increase tariffs on imports from 72 countries, the labour market, the Canada-U.S. price gap and the contentious foreign-workers program.

The challenge of a skills shortage is not unique to Canada, Carney said, but the solution is training — not bringing

RBC outsourcing furor

- The foreign-workers program became a hot potato for the federal government after an outsourcing company doing work for the Royal Bank of Canada brought in foreign workers to do work that had been done by about 45 Canadians at the bank.

in temporary foreign workers. Contrary to some views, he added, Canada's labour market is among the most flexible in terms of mobility among industrialized countries.

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I don't know about you, but I've always wanted to go to Mars. I'm just not sure I want to be stuck there.

At first blush, it sounds romantic, but sometime



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around year four, you might want to order in pizza or hit the clubs, and whaddaya know? No pizza parlours. No clubs.

Just more of that astronaut food that tastes like Tang and dog biscuits.

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all the nutbars applying for the nutbar job, plus you've got the \$33 registration fee. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2013.

Before you sign up, you should know that the average temperature on Mars is -55 C.

That will give applicants from Siberia and Canada the inside track. If you're from Novosibirsk or Winnipeg, it will feel just like home.

Other than thicker-than-normal heads or blood, applicants require no special skills, as they will spend seven years training and getting ready.

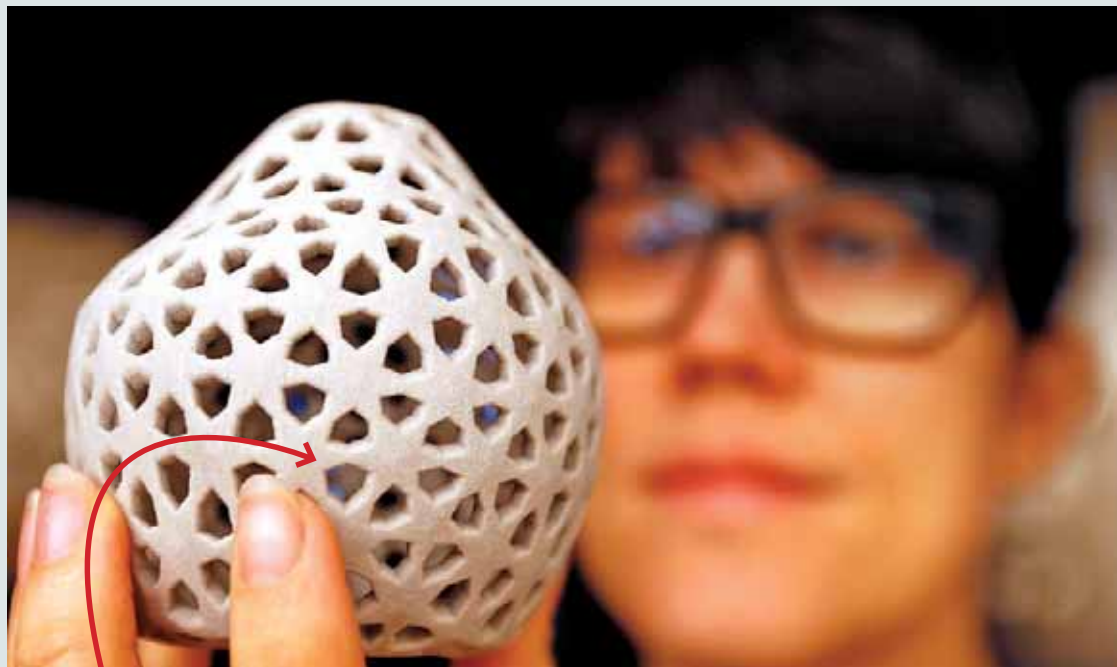
So, as you'd expect, the gallery of geeks featured on the Mars One website are all cut from the same cloth: basement dwellers with bad facial hair. And that includes the women, with the clear exception of Ilona, 23, from Finland. You could almost imagine spending the next 63 years in a hermetically sealed bin with Ilona, who says she wants to devote herself to the good of mankind and enjoys the humour that comes from well-crafted subtlety.

Such as the prospect of being stuck on Mars with Jason, 24, from the U.S., who has an associate degree in welding and aspires to a bachelor's degree in welding engineering, for the rest of his life.

Somehow I think all this is going to end in tears. Too bad that on Mars, no one can hear you scream.

ZOOM

Would you like insects with that?



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Tastes like chicken

Designer Penelope Kupfer displays a biscuit made from insect flour at the Wellcome Collection in London, England, on Tuesday.

The exhibition of illuminated, room-high insect traps, dramatic light projections of creepy crawlies and 3D printing of food made from bugs is a

new installation called Insects au Gratin which explores the benefits of eating bugs, as part of a new series called Who's the Pest? organized with Festival — the cultural organization dedicated to our relationship with insects and the natural world.

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Slimy yet satisfying

Have you ever imagined yourself on Fear Factor, eating bugs? The exhibit aims to expand our invertebrate consumption by suggesting that entomophagy (eating insects) is a sustainable solution to an

impending food crisis.

Apparently, insects can be nutritious: four grasshoppers provide the same amount of calcium as a glass of milk. And, by weight, dung beetles have more protein than beef.

The installation, which runs through May 5, allows guests to draw the shape of their food and experiment with 3D printing. METRO

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If you haven't already experienced the amazingly awkward Experience Regina tourism video with its still shots of high school graduation, the 'snax' bar and a bikini-clad Prairie babe, check it out on YouTube. In light of the Queen City video's fresh press (though the video is from 2008) we've dug up more tourism fails (or works of genius) from the video-sharing site.



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Woody Goomsba visits Leavenworth, WA:

"Shouting out to the centre of the state" certainly is done best to rap music with kilt-wearing ladies grinding a wooden mascot named Woody Goomsba while Mrs. Goomsba looks on angrily.

boys and retired tourists — and also, a lot of people wearing florescent crop tops. Can you find dancer Karen Campbell?

Pattaya Country:

OK, maybe not 'everybody' is dancing, but certainly this young Thai boy is getting his groove on in Pattaya, Thailand. But it seems like there's only enough for one dancer in this South Asian destination — as he steps back from provincial lines, his moves seem to go with him.

Vancouver Tourism with Karen Campbell:

According to Vancouver Tourism's ancient video, Vancouver is the 'simply spectacular' land of mermaids, cow-

Comments

RE: How The World Will Change In 2043: We'll Turn Into Bots And Upload Our Memory, published April 22

I think those futurists are a bit looney and need to be taken back to the lunatic asylum for their meds. I'm sorry I might work in IT but I prefer keeping the hardware outside of my flesh. Uploading our memories to the Internet in a cloud-based system would be a bad idea. Would you want a hacker to be able to hack into your brain directly? As for people switching limbs out for

robotic limbs, I don't see that happening. If I hold hands with a girl I want it to be her physical hand not a metal plastic monstrosity unless she was in some sort of accident.

Taggart Romkey posted to metronews.ca

"Progeny of the oblivious"? Sorry but the future children you talk about won't be oblivious to their world just because their parents are. Look at the current youth generation difference and their parents which you also comment on. The apple does fall far from the tree, and then rolls off in another direction.

DaleWale posted to metronews.ca

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2 SCENE

Interview

The American dream, plus a lap dance or two

If anyone is living the American dream, it's Bar Paly. In the last few years, the Israeli actress and model has been landing increasingly bigger roles in TV and film, including parts in *How I Met Your Mother* and *The Starter Wife*, and in the film *A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III*.

So it seems fitting that her biggest project to date is a dark riff on the American dream. *Pain & Gain* is a true crime story about a group of bodybuilders (dubbed the Sun Gym Gang) doing bad things in mid 1990s Miami.

In the film, Paly plays a stripper with big ambitions of becoming a Hollywood star, and she admits it was intimidating walking onto a set with a list of big names.

"It was so overwhelming," she says. "And on top of that you have to act against Mark Wahlberg. I was trying to pretend that everything is cool, but inside I was screaming 'I'm reading lines with Wahlberg.'"

"In the first few days he gave me the scenes where I didn't have to actually talk too much, it was more the lap dance and sex scenes," she says, laughing. "It was like, 'Hi, nice to meet you Mark Wahlberg, now here's my hair in your face while I give you a lap dance.'"

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Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton star as a divorced couple in *The Big Wedding*. HANDOUT

Nuptials often turn nasty going down theatre aisles

The Big Wedding. The latest big screen effort is just one in a long line of movies where hilarity and horror dominate the story

Famous quotes

"Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child."

Luca Brasi

In the famous wedding scene in *The Godfather*



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In *The Big Wedding*, a long-divorced couple, played by Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton, pretend to be happily married at their adopted son's wedding for the benefit of his biological mother.

Hijinks ensue, but like all movies with the word "wedding" in the title, audiences don't buy a ticket for the shenanigans. They go to see the ceremony.

Anything that happens before the walk down the aisle is window dressing, the jour-

ney that gets the audience where they really want to be — at the altar.

The famous wedding scene in *The Godfather* — including the much-quoted Luca Brasi line, "Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child," — featured many Staten Island Italian-Americans as extras.

They were invited to the set to enjoy homemade wine, traditional Italian food and enjoy themselves as though it were a real wedding.

Inspiration for the film

Four Weddings and a Funeral came when writer Richard Curtis realized he had been to 72 weddings in 10 years.

The movie, about a confirmed bachelor who discovers love, made an international star of Hugh Grant, who won the role after auditioning with a tape from when he was best man at his brother's wedding.

Both those films, plus others like *Wedding Crashers*, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and *Fiddler on the Roof* feature wonderful wedding scenes. But what about when nuptials turn nasty?

Who could forget Mr. Robinson howling, "You punk!

You crazy punk! I'll kill you!" at the lovesick Benjamin (Dustin Hoffman) in *The Graduate* after he interrupted the wedding of Elaine Robinson (Katharine Ross) to another man? Elaine leaves her intended at the altar, running off with Ben to an uncertain future, creating one of the classic endings in movie history.

In *Runaway Bride* Richard Gere plays a reporter investigating the story of Maggie Carpenter, a serial bride who has had multiple disastrous weddings, leaving three men at the altar. "Always a bride," she says, "never a bridesmaid!"

The biggest bummer wedding in movie history has to be in *Kill Bill Vol. 2*.

"How it happened, who was there, how many got killed and who killed them, changes depending on who's telling the story," says *The Bride* (Uma Thurman). "In actual fact, the massacre didn't happen during a wedding at all. It was a wedding rehearsal."



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Ryan Lochte is having a hard time finding love. "I haven't been in a relationship in a year," the Olympian and star of the new reality TV show *What Would Ryan Lochte Do?* tells the new issue of *In Touch*. "Every time I date someone, I end up getting hurt," he said. The problem, it seems, is that he doesn't know if women are after his giant

brain (this is the man who wore a fake grill on the Olympian podium and coined the catchphrase "Jeahl" so by "giant brain" I might be using slight sarcasm) or for his public persona. "I don't know if they're just after my fame and money or if they like me for who I really am." But if he could find someone he really does like, what is he looking for? "A girl that's fun, classy and sweet who I can have a conversation with," Ryan says. "If she can make me smile and laugh, I'm sold!" My advice for his next potential love interest? Pretend to take his nose. He would be so enamored of your magical powers, you'd be unstoppable.



Amanda Bynes
ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bynes gets her gym membership revoked for smoking pot

Amanda Bynes' outlandish behaviour reportedly got her kicked out of her New York City gym this weekend when she was caught smoking marijuana in the women's locker room, according to RumorFix. Management at the Planet Fitness location even went so far as to revoke Bynes' membership. "Planet Fitness does not allow lunks to work out here, and especially no weed-smokers," a staff member tells the site. Bynes of course denies the allegations, telling RumorFix, "I don't smoke in the bathroom. I also don't smoke pot, I smoke tobacco."

CALGARY DEALERSHIP CLEARING OUT ALL USED INVENTORY UP TO 50% OFF!

Carl Holst, Sales Manager of StampedeToyota, just announced plans to hold a vehicle spring clear-out taking Place Saturday April 27, 2013. According to Mr. Holst increased sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. "In the last three months our sales have increased at a higher than expected rate", Holst said. "Now, we must reduce the number of cars and trucks on our used lot to a more manageable number. During this vehicle spring clear-out sale every used car and truck will be sold from 10% up to 50% off its original asking price." Mr. Holst said. "In fact, cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars will be sold for three to five thousand," Mr. Holst said. "Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions."

Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car so you pay more. Here every car is on sale, first

come first served and no bidding. It's the perfect opportunity to get a good quality new or used car at the lowest price in the city. All cars will be on display at Stampede Toyota on Barlow Trail, 2 blocks north of the Trans Canada Highway. This sale is one day only, doors

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"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during the sale," Mr. Holst said. "We also have three business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over \$10 Million Dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 600 new and used cars and trucks to choose from. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day sale only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction." All cars will be clearly marked with discounts from 10% up to 50% for the entire day. Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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In the land of Disney, the princess always reigned supreme. However, though Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and those ever-popular princesses may get a lot of the attention, Disneyland and California Adventure offer a pixie dustless world for the guys in your life too — all in time for Father's Day in June.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Four things for the boys in Disneyland

Cars Land

Route 66 comes to life for plain-old cars and animated Cars lovers alike. California Adventures' newest attraction is set in the world of Radiator Springs, where characters from the animated movie motor down Main Street. Rides include Luigi's Flying Tires, a modern floating-on-air version of bumper cars and Mater's Junkyard Jamboree, where tractors whip and spin you around. The highlight is Radiator Spring Racers, which takes you on a leisurely car ride through a wind-carved setting before drag racing your way to the finish line.



Don't miss: Characters from the animated film regularly park near the Cozy Cone Motel to have their photos taken.

Star Tours

Ask a 30- or 40-something father what his favourite movie was growing up — then ask his son the same question — and the likelihood is they may have the same answer: Star Wars. With Disney taking over control of the series, there may be more themed rides in the future. Until then, Star Tours is still the place in Disneyland to enjoy a ride through the galaxy while using the force to avoid the black-gloved wrath of Darth Vader. The 3D ride takes you on a Starspeeder, cruising at light speed through George Lucas' sci-fi universe.



Don't miss: A Jedi Training Academy takes place daily at the Tomorrowland Terrace, where kids are shown how to use lightsabers.

Pirates of the Caribbean

This is one of the original rides at Disneyland — long before Johnny Depp swaggered his way through the films as Captain Jack Sparrow. And there's a reason why Pirates has always been popular: it's fun. The boat ride starts in the calm Louisiana Bayou but soon takes you deep into the dark world of hidden treasure, sea battles, and the pirate-terrorized town of Puerto Dorado. It may sound scary, but it has a number of light-hearted moments to tame the pirate terror.



Don't miss: Captain Jack Sparrow makes a number of appearances during the ride, so keep your eyes peeled for him.

Pirate's Lair on Tom Sawyer's Island

Located in a man-made lake on the edge of Frontierland, the island is a giant playground for kids of all ages. A river raft ferries you from the main park across to the island, where dirt trails lead you to hidden caves, hilltop forts, wood and rope bridges and pirate's treasures.



Don't miss: Take a boat ride around the island on the Mark Twain, a 1900s paddleboat, or aboard the pirate ship Columbia.

Looking for more Disney vacation ideas? Metro's Elisha Dacey is currently at Disneyworld in Florida with Breakfast Television and Cityline's recent contest winners. Check out her blog at metronews.ca

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Some tips... on tipping



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Many front line staff in the hospitality industry rely on tips to make a living wage. Although I do believe that they should be earned, not expected, it is important to assume the best and factor in the appropriate gratuities when planning your next holiday.

For servers in North American restaurants you should be leaving 15 per cent before tax at a minimum, including cost of drinks. For exceptional service you could bump that up from 18 to 20 per cent. In Europe they often include the tip in the bill, but an additional five to 15 per cent is appreciated. In Australia and New Zealand, just leaving five per cent is acceptable. In the Scandinavian countries and Japan, you are not expected to leave anything.

If you are staying in for



Tipping can be the source of much angst when you're travelling. iStock

some room service, always check the bill to see if a service charge has already been added on. It usually is indicative of a pooled tip, to be divided up by the entire department. If your server was particularly good, you may wish to give something extra but are certainly not obliged to do so.

Hotel room attendants tend to be the forgotten ones of the hospitality world. I like to leave \$2 to \$5 per day on the bed with a note of thanks. If you prefer to give one tip at the end of a longer stay, leave an envelope at the front desk. Note your room and number and dates of stay on the envelope and that you would like it divided among all the staff that serviced your room.

Hotel porters and bellhops should receive \$1 to \$2 per bag and parking valets \$2 to \$5. Tip the valet up front to ensure better service when it's time to leave. Taxi drivers in North America expect a 10 to 15 per cent tip. In Europe, simply round up the fare and in most Asian countries don't worry about it. A concierge often provides the most varied of services, so an appropriate tip could be anywhere between \$2 and \$20 depending on the complexity of your request. I would consider a standard restaurant reservation on the lower end of the scale and securing last minute tickets to a sold out concert on the upper end.

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and the variety and just how contemporary everything is," said Moore.

Some of the artists, such as Susan Aglukark, are household names, while others are unknown to people in the south.

"We've got very worldly people who have travelled everywhere and we've got some people who haven't been south of Fort Simpson" (in the Northwest Territories), Moore said.

In all, the festival features about 250 artists in more than 50 events. Moore said previous versions have attracted 50,000 people and she sees no reason this year should be different.

While some performances are already sold out, there are also free events. The arts centre itself, which sits on the bank of the Rideau Canal within sight of the Parliament Buildings, will be the main venue, from its foyer to its various theatres and studios. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

side that region," said executive producer Heather Moore.

The festival features music and theatre, art and culture, food, film, fashion, fiddlers and folklore.

People will be able to sample smoked Arctic char tacos and elk poutine from a local food truck run by a former Yukon resident. Three northern chefs will be paired with three Ottawa chefs to try their own interpretations of char, reindeer and other northern fare.

As a whole, the Northern Scene offers a glimpse of an arts scene that many rarely see.

"I think people are going to be quite surprised at the scope

The National Arts Centre is bringing the North to the South this spring with a 10-day festival featuring northern artists, musicians, singers, chefs, writers and storytellers who blend the traditional with the contemporary.

Every two years, the centre showcases a region of the country. In 2011, it was the Prairies. This year, the North will be the focus from Thursday until May 4.

"We certainly do have probably the largest representation of artists from the North that's ever been brought together out-



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Creamy Seafood Lasagna with Leeks and Bell Peppers



This recipe serves 10. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)



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You can use any combo of fish you like in this creamy lasagna, but I like shrimp for its sweet flavour and firm texture. Don't use a fish that's too delicate or it will fall apart.

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.
2. To make seafood mixture, heat the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Sauté the garlic, bell pepper and leeks for 5 minutes or just until tender.
3. Add the seafood and sauté until the fish is opaque, approximately 3 minutes. Pour off any excess liquid. Set aside.
4. Combine the flour, stock, milk and mustard in a non-stick saucepan and stir until smooth. Simmer over medium heat until just thickened, approximately 4 minutes, stirring often. Stir in the dill, pepper and the seafood mixture. Remove from the heat.

5. For cheese mix, combine ricotta, 3/4 cup of cheddar, Swiss and Parmesan cheese in a small bowl, mixing well.

6. To assemble, place 3 lasagna noodles in prepared baking dish. Spread 1/3 of seafood

mix over top, then 1/2 of cheese mix. Repeat for second layer. Top with remaining 3 lasagna noodles and remaining seafood mix. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup cheddar cheese over the top. Cover with foil and bake approximately 30 minutes, removing the foil for the last 10 minutes of baking time. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before cutting and serving. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2/3 cup diced red or green bell pepper
- 2/3 cup diced leeks or red onion
- 1 lb seafood, cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup seafood or chicken stock
- 1 1/4 cups 2 % evaporated milk
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill or 1 tbsp dried
- Pinch ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 9 cooked lasagna noodles

Drink of the Week

Thyme and Ginger Sour

An ideal mix of savoury and sour, this drink is perfect for a casual evening in with friends. It's easy to make and looks great, too.

- 2 oz Luksusowa
- 2 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- 2 oz ginger beer
- fresh thyme to garnish

Shake Luksusowa, lime juice and syrup with ice and pour into a rock glass. Top with ginger beer and garnish with fresh thyme.

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Want an insurance job? Shine your shoes

Jobs. What to expect, how to prepare, and how to follow up after your big interview

CASSANDRA JOWETT

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If you really want to impress an insurance employer in a job interview, it all comes down to one thing: always be prepared.

One of the biggest mistakes students and recent graduates make is coming in unprepared, says Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections (careerconnections.info) program manager at the Insurance Institute of Canada. Being unfamiliar with the company, being unable to make connections or draw parallels between your experience and the role, or showing up late are the three biggest insurance industry job interview don'ts, he adds.

Keep reading to find out what to expect during, how to prepare for and how to follow up after your next job interview with an insurance employer:

What to expect

Most interviews for insurance jobs involve a two-step process:

The telephone screen

The process may start with a telephone screen conducted by a recruiter in the company's human resources department. "The telephone screen is designed to confirm that you meet the criteria for the position, establish your understanding of the role, and get a sense of your style or approach," Buttrum explains.

The in-person interview

If you meet the requirements of the telephone screen, it will usually be followed by one or two in-person interviews that may now include the hiring manager and other colleagues involved in the process. "Don't let it throw you if it is a panel interviewing you — these are now common place!" Buttrum says.

The in-person interviews will most likely be behavioural or competency-based, he says. "Think, 'Tell me about a time when...' or scenarios that get at how you might handle various aspects of the job. The employer is looking for you to make connections between what you have done and how it will help you to be successful in your potential new role."

How to prepare

Find out what you'll need

When you're invited for the interview, whether it's by phone or email, always ask if there's anything that you

should bring. Here's why:

"I once had an employer say, 'Good thing you asked, I almost forgot to mention that we would like to see an example of a presentation you have developed. Could you supply us with a version on a USB key?'" Buttrum recalls. "I would have never just 'had one on hand' in an interview."

Know yourself

In a job interview situation, knowing exactly how your education and experience will benefit the employer and the role you've applied for is half the battle.

Ideally, you've already determined this in order to tailor your resumé and apply for the job in the first place, but if not, learn as much as you can about the role and map out how you fit the bill, Buttrum says.

Practise your answers to typical job interview questions with a trusted friend or career counsellor and introduce examples from your experience into the conversation. Buttrum recommends using the STAR method to help you answer the interviewer's questions:

- **Situation** — Setting the stage: Who, when, where, why? (five per cent of your answer).
- **Task** — What did you do? What was your role? (five per cent of your answer).
- **Action** — How did you do it? What steps did you take? (70

per cent of your answer).

- **Result** — What happened? What was the outcome (20 per cent of your answer).

Do your research

How much do you know about the company, its business, core values and any other unique aspects to it?

"Web research, reading trade publications, checking out examples of their consumer marketing and talking to industry professionals are great ways to gain these types of insights," Buttrum explains.

"This information enables you to further tailor your answers to the employer's questions and might help you develop some of your own."

Dress for success

"Insurance is a traditional industry and, although business casual is becoming the norm for day-to-day in the workplace, it is suggested that you go business formal for the interview," Buttrum advises.

What does that mean? "Suit jackets, blazers, pressed pants, blouses, collared shirts, ties, nicely-shined shoes and knee-length skirts are what come to

mind," he adds.

How to follow up

Should you or shouldn't you? When and how often? These are all questions that tend to plague students and recent graduates following their job interviews.

"Before you leave the interview, ask what the next steps are in the process and when the employer anticipates moving forward in their decision making," Buttrum recommends. "Keep this date in mind and use it as a temperature gauge for when to follow up next."

From there, don't push too hard. "Like any relationship, high frequency or intensity follow-up can send the wrong message," he says, adding that the process may be taking slightly longer than expected, hiring may not be the person's primary responsibility and other priorities may have arisen since your interview. "Be sure to give the employer a little leeway."

Frame your followup as checking in to see where they are in the process rather than asking whether or not they have reached a decision, and



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let the employer know you are happy to answer any questions or provide additional information which might support the process, Buttrum advises.

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Write the best resumé

Drawing attention. A few tips on using your resumé to introduce yourself to a potential employer

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When writing your resumé, what's your ultimate goal? To get a job?

If that's the case, then you probably have the wrong purpose in mind.

Your resumé is just one of many steps you may take toward getting an insurance job. The real goal of that piece of paper should be to get an interview with the employer.

After all, your resumé is simply an opportunity to introduce yourself to a potential employer and, for the first time, draw their attention to your education, qualifications and experience. Your resumé should also demonstrate how you meet the

employer's needs and are the best candidate for the specific position that you are applying for.

Follow these tips, provided by Career Connections (careerconnections.info), a division of the Insurance Institute, to avoid any risk of missing out on the next insurance job you apply for.

Before you start

Sure, it's easy to whip up a resumé and fire off a dozen or so job applications each day. You might think that the numbers will be on your side, but the truth is employers notice when you do this. Before applying for any insurance job:


- learn more about the insurance industry,
- research each company and job carefully,
- make connections at insurance industry events and online, and try to set up informational interviews,
- develop a strategy for responding to the needs of the hiring manager,
- create a unique resumé for

each job you apply for. **Insurance resumé dos and don'ts**

- Do
 - Keep it concise — no more than one or two pages.
 - Make it easy to read — use at least 10 point font.
 - Use either a chronological (reverse timeline) or functional (experience-based) format.
 - Put your name and contact information front and centre on all pages, including a professional email address (first-name.lastname@mail.com) and phone number with voicemail.
 - Include an objective and a professional summary, plus details about your education and work and volunteer history.


Don't:

- Use industry-specific slang, jargon or acronyms if you can avoid it.
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Five ways to choose an employer

As a student or recent graduate who wants to hatch a career in insurance, it can be tempting to apply to any and all insurance employers that are hiring. But not every employer offers the same experience. Here are five strategies for choosing the insurance employer that is right for you:

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Looking for a place to fold your umbrella and drop your briefcase? There are a few things to consider first. ISTOCK



Company size

There are more than 200 employers in the insurance industry, some with more than 5,000 employees and some with as few as five employees. They operate in major cities, like Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, and in small towns across the country. Company size may be a consideration for you if you're looking for a close-knit family environment (smaller) or the opportunity to work in a number of different departments and locations (larger). Many insurance employers will mention how many employees they have on their TalentEgg profile, LinkedIn profile or on their corporate website in the About Us or Careers sections.

Insurance niches

Insurance can cover everything from vehicles and homes to health and pets, casinos and churches, and everything in between. While many of the large insurance companies offer a wide variety of insurance policies, there are some that specialize in certain industries or types of risk.

If your experience, expertise or interest lies in one of those areas, it may help you narrow down which employer to start your career with.

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Support for professional development

As an aspiring insurance professional, you're probably eager to put a few letters after your name, such as CIP, CAIB or CRM, just to name a few (that's Chartered Insurance Professional, Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker or Canadian Risk Management for those not in the know). Perhaps you even want to pursue an MBA or post-graduate certificate related to insurance part-time while you work. No matter what your professional development plans are, it's essential that your employer is, at the very least, morally supportive of your endeavours.

Community work and social responsibility

At the end of the day, insurance companies are for-profit businesses and many of them are very profitable — it's one of the reasons why the insurance industry is such a stable place to start a career.

Most insurance employers make it a priority to find ways to invest those profits back into the communities in which they operate through employee volunteer work, fundraising and charitable donations.

Check out the Corporate Social Responsibility or Community sections of companies' websites.

The people

Current employees are invaluable sources of information. After all, they already know exactly what it's like to work for their employer and can tell you everything you won't find in a job listing or corporate website. Plus, if you get along well with some of the people who already work there, chances are you'll have no trouble fitting in. Meet insurance professionals on your campus. Real insurance professionals working for dozens of different employers often volunteer their time to speak with students about career opportunities in the industry.

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To demonstrate this breadth of choice, Lue-Atkinson points to different initiatives within RBC Rewards.

“Some people want a highly personalized travel service. For those clients, we have a strategic relationship with Carson Wagonlit Travel. Our customers visit one of their store locations or call in and get the full-service approach they’re seeking, redeeming their points at point of sale. Other clients prefer self-service, and for those clients, we have a partnership with Travelocity, a one-stop end-to-end online experience. Customers can book their air travel, car rental, cruises, hotels and more online.”

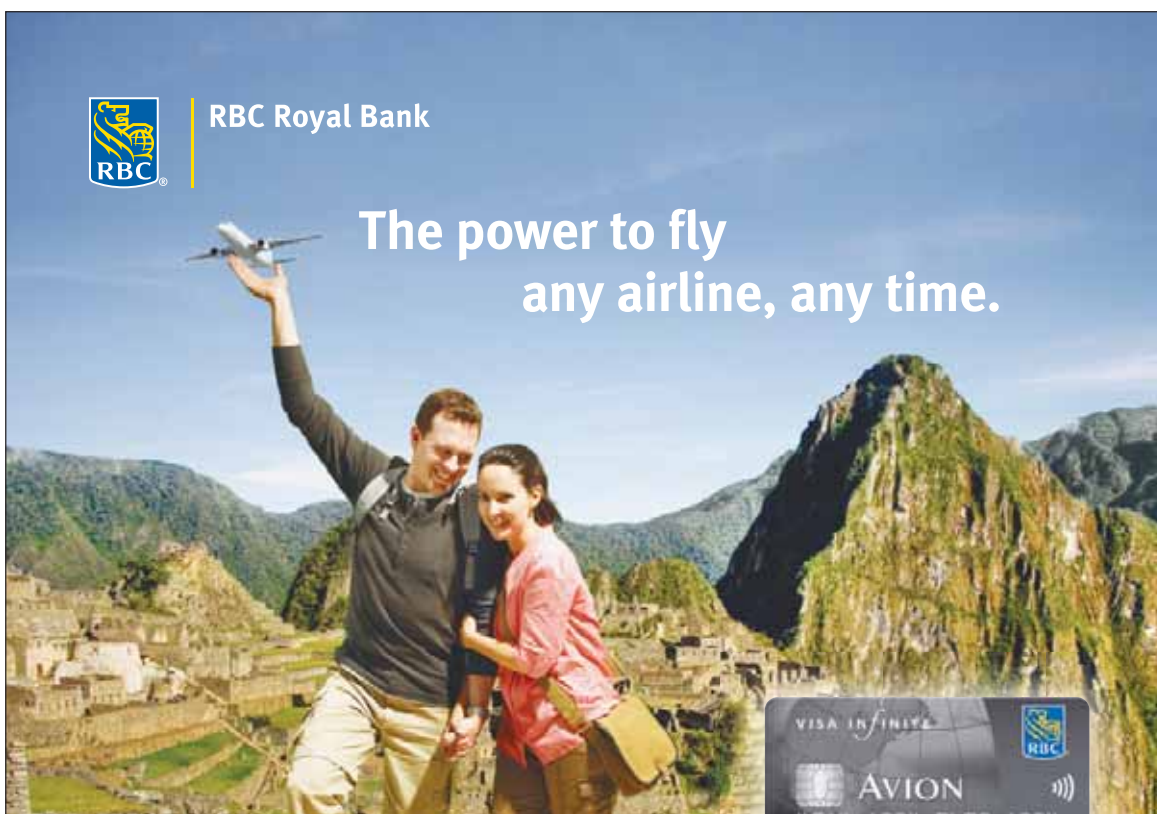
Today’s rewards programs don’t start and end with travel, however.

“In December 2012, RBC Rewards launched eMall on our website to address the growth of online shopping,” Lue-Atkinson says. “Through this portal on our site, consumers can access more than 250 retailers, including Apple, Hudson’s Bay, Indigo Books & Music, Gap and Old Navy. By using their RBC Rewards credit card to make purchases, clients get one extra point for every dollar they spend above and beyond their regular rewards.

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NHL

Jets' playoff hopes lose altitude in Washington

The Capitals clinched the Southeast Division title Tuesday night, completing a stark turnaround in a lockout-shortened season with a 5-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets.

The loss keeps the Jets in ninth place in the East, one spot away from the playoffs but with slim chances of moving up because they have only one game remaining. They trail the New York Rangers and Ottawa Senators by one point, but the Rangers have two games left and the Senators have three.

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MLB

O's solve Dickey's knuckleball

Manny Machado had two hits and two RBIs, and the Baltimore Orioles used a four-run second inning to beat R.A. Dickey and the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 Tuesday night.

Miguel Gonzalez (2-1) allowed three runs in six innings for the Orioles, who have won nine of 13. By taking the first two games of the three-game set, Baltimore improved to 5-2 in seven series this season — including 4-1 against the AL East.

It was the 100th consecutive game the Orioles have won when leading after seven innings, a streak that began in August 2011. Baltimore is 4-3 in one-run games after starting 0-3.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer for the last-place Blue Jays.

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Predators goalie Pekka Rinne comes out of the goal to stop a shot by Flames forward Ben Street on Tuesday in Nashville. MIKE STRASINGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preds douse Flames to end losing streak

NHL. Calgary loses for first time in four games

Austin Watson and Matt Halischuk scored 1:23 apart in the third period to lead the Nashville Predators to a 4-3 win over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

David Legwand and Nick Spaling had the other goals for Nashville, which ended the franchise's longest losing streak at eight games. Shea Weber added two assists.

Roman Cervenka scored

two goals, and T.J. Brodie had the other goal for Calgary, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Brodie gave the Flames a 1-0 lead at 5:59 of the first period.

With the teams skating 4-on-4, Brodie had the puck at the top of the right circle and made a toe-drag move to the faceoff dot. He then fired a wrist shot that beat goalie Pekka Rinne on the far side.

Legwand tied it at 14:39 of the first when he got to a rebound of Weber's slap shot from the top of the right circle.

First NHL point

Filip Forsberg earned the second assist on David Legwand's goal. It was the 18-year-old rookie's first NHL point.

Calgary regained the lead at 7:06 of the second on a goal by Cervenka.

Approaching the Nashville blue-line, Cervenka corralled a bouncing pass off the stick of Sven Baertschi and slipped behind the Predators defence.

In the low slot, he fired a wrist shot past Rinne high to the stick side.

Spaling tied it at 2 at 18:31 of the second with a power-play goal, deflecting Weber's wrist shot from the right point past goalie Miikka Kiprusoff.

Early in the third, Watson and Halischuk scored at 3:17 and 4:40 to give the Predators control of the game.

Cervenka's second of the game came at 15:10 of the third when he scored on a redirection of Chris Butler's shot from the left point.

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Heat forward LeBron James shoots by Milwaukee's John Henson on Tuesday in Miami. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bucks can't hang with Heat in fourth

Game 2. 12-0 run to start final frame pushes Miami ahead for good

Everyone in the Miami huddle was bracing for a grind to the finish. On the other end, the sense around the Milwaukee bench was that an upset was there for the taking.

Then the Heat landed a swift knockout punch.

Dwyane Wade scored 21 points, LeBron James finished with 19 and the Heat used a frantic start to the fourth quarter to pull away and beat the Bucks 98-86 in Game 2 of the teams' Eastern Conference first-round series on Tuesday night.

It was 68-65 entering the fourth. With James and four backups on the court, the Heat needed only two minutes, 22 seconds to outscore Milwaukee 12-0 and stretch the lead to 80-65 — ensuring the reigning NBA champions would take a

2-0 series lead into Game 3 on Thursday night.

"We held court," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We protected it for two games. We did what we're supposed to do. And that's it."

Chris Bosh, Shane Battier and Chris Andersen all scored 10 points for the Heat. James' post-season streaks of 22 straight games with at least 20 points, and 16 straight games of at least 25 points, both came to an end.

Ultimately, none of that mattered.

"We didn't get into our game like we wanted to in that third quarter," James said. "But we went into the fourth with a (three-point) lead and we were able to jump on them."

Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points for Milwaukee, which got 16 from Mike Dunleavy and 14 from Larry Sanders. The Bucks starting guards, Brandon Jennings and Monta Ellis, combined for only 15 points — after teaming up to score 48 in the

Celtics-Knicks

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points, sixth man of the year J.R. Smith added 19, and the New York Knicks opened a 2-0 lead over the Boston Celtics with an 87-71 victory on Tuesday night.

- Raymond Felton added 16 points for the Knicks, who used a 27-4 run spanning halftime to blow it open.

first game.

"It's a series," said Sanders, who had a sore right ankle after he collided with Battier in the fourth quarter. "We made progress this game."

They'll need to make more, and do it quickly. James has never lost in 10 previous series where his team takes a 2-0 lead, and Wade is 8-0 in that same situation.

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NBA

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)

(Miami leads series 2-0)

Tuesday's result

Miami 98 Milwaukee 86

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)

(New York leads series 2-0)

Tuesday's result

New York 87 Boston 71

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)

(Indiana leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's game

Atlanta at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Series tied 1-1)

Monday's result

Chicago 90 Brooklyn 82

Thursday's game

Brooklyn at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS HOUSTON (8)

(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's game

Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)

(San Antonio leads series 1-0)

Sunday's result

San Antonio 91 L.A. Lakers 79

Wednesday's game

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(Denver leads series 1-0)

Tuesday's result

Golden State at Denver

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(L.A. Clippers leads series 2-0)

Monday's result

L.A. Clippers 93 Memphis 91

Thursday's game

L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
z-Pittsburgh	46	35	11	0	0	155	113	70
dx-Boston	45	27	13	2	3	125	102	59
y-Washington	46	26	18	2	0	145	126	54
x-Montreal	46	27	14	3	2	141	123	59
x-Toronto	45	25	15	0	5	138	124	55
x-NY Islanders	46	24	16	4	2	137	135	54
Ottawa	45	23	16	2	4	109	99	52
NY Rangers	46	24	18	0	4	122	109	52
Winnipeg	47	24	20	0	3	126	140	51
New Jersey	46	18	28	3	7	109	123	46
Buffalo	47	20	21	2	4	123	142	46
Philadelphia	46	21	22	1	2	129	139	45
Carolina	46	19	24	2	1	122	148	41
Tampa Bay	45	17	24	1	3	140	141	38
Florida	46	14	26	5	1	107	164	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
z-Chicago	45	34	6	0	5	147	97	73
y-Anaheim	46	29	11	3	3	134	112	64
y-Vancouver	46	26	13	1	6	124	111	59
x-Los Angeles	46	26	15	1	4	129	113	57
St. Louis	46	27	17	1	1	122	113	56
San Jose	45	24	14	3	4	118	109	55
Minnesota	46	25	18	1	2	118	120	53
Columbus	46	22	17	3	4	114	117	51
Detroit	45	21	16	3	5	113	112	50
Dallas	45	22	19	3	1	127	133	48
Phoenix	45	19	18	3	5	114	122	46
Calgary	46	19	23	1	3	126	153	42
Edmonton	45	17	21	4	3	111	127	41
Nashville	46	16	21	3	6	108	131	41

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Buffalo 4 Pittsburgh 2
Carolina 4 NY Islanders 3 (SO)
Florida 3 NY Rangers 2
Minnesota 2 Los Angeles 1
Nashville 4 Calgary 3
New Jersey 3 Montreal 2
Philadelphia 5 Boston 2
St. Louis 3 Colorado 1
Washington 5 Winnipeg 3
Dallas at San Jose

Monday's late results

Anaheim 3 Edmonton 0
Vancouver 3 Chicago 1

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	7	.650	—
Baltimore	12	8	.600	1
New York	11	8	.579	1½
Tampa Bay	9	11	.450	4
Toronto	8	13	.381	5½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Kansas City	10	7	.588	—
Minnesota	9	8	.529	1
Detroit	9	9	.500	1½
Cleveland	8	10	.444	2½
Chicago	7	12	.368	4
WEST DIVISION				
Texas	13	6	.684	—
Oakland	13	8	.619	1
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	5½
Seattle	8	14	.364	6½
Houston	6	14	.300	7½

Tuesday's results

Baltimore 4 Toronto 3
Houston 3 Seattle 2
Minnesota 4-5 Miami 3-8
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 13 Boston 0 (7 innings)
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (ppd., rain)
Kansas City at Detroit (ppd., rain)
Texas at L.A. Angels

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern
Toronto at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results
Atlanta 4 Colorado 3
Pittsburgh 2 Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 2 Washington 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 4 Cincinnati 2 (10 innings)
Atlanta 10 Colorado 2
Milwaukee at San Diego
Arizona at San Francisco

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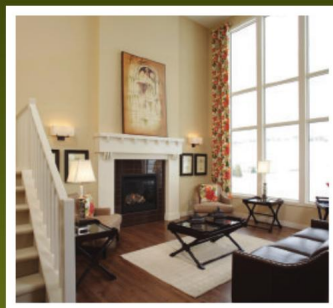
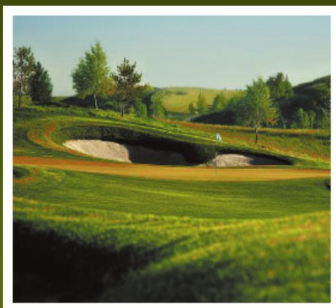
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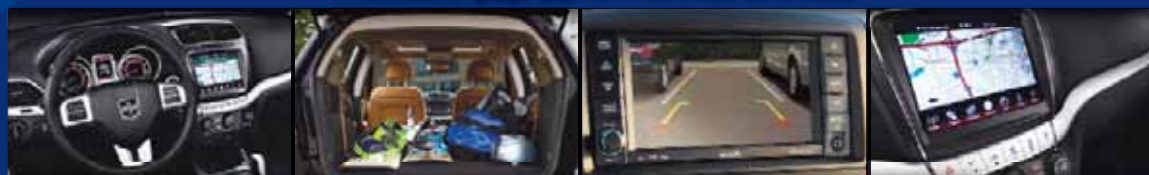
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2014 Acura RLX

- **Type.** Four-door front-wheel drive mid-luxury sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5 litre SOHC V6 (310)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls
- **Base price (incl. destination)** \$50,000

Design

The first thing you notice about the RLX is its handsome sheet metal. The car's Honda roots are definitely showing, but it easily beats the rest of Acura's sedan fleet when it comes to appearance. Perhaps surprisingly, its overall dimensions — length, width and height — differ only slightly from the RL.



The 3.5-litre V6 engine

Weight

The rigid body structure uses considerable amounts of high-strength steel that, combined with numerous aluminum body panels, helps keep the car below the 1,820-kilogram mark. That's roughly 45 kilograms lighter than the RL.

Engine

The RLX clings to its V6 roots by using a 310-horsepower 3.5-litre unit that produces 272 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, the RL's 3.7-litre V6 made 300 horsepower and 271 pound-feet of torque. The engine prefers premium fuel, but the RLX is rated at 10.5 l/100 km in the city and 6.4 on the highway.

Review. RLX's 'takaburi' all begins with a wild set of headlights

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"Takaburi" is the word Acura's project leader Yousuke Sekino uses in describing the 2014 RLX sedan. It means "exhilarating" in Japanese and if any car in Honda's premium division fits that description, this is it.

Acura has been noticeably bereft of a truly top-level flagship model with that 'takaburi' feeling for some time. The long-in-the-tooth RL sedan that resembled a slightly enlarged Accord from two generations ago never really cut it with those seeking flash and dash.

The replacement RLX, arriving by early spring, likely won't pry anyone from their status-mobiles models displaying three-pointed stars, interconnected rings or airplane-propeller logos. But at least Acura offers some com-

elling reasons for having the valet gang park one for you in its assigned stall.

The RLX's more aggressively styled front fenders, smoothed-out grille and unique multi-reflector headlight pods contribute to a distinctly premium look.

Much of the between-the-wheels increase gives the RLX an impressive amount of rear-seat legroom that puts its key Japanese and German competitors to shame.

The rest of the interior also impresses, with an elegant dashboard and control-panel layout, inviting and supportive leather-covered seats and a floor console that can be opened from the driver or passenger's side.

Although not obvious in flat-out driving, the RLX certainly feels poised and precise in tight turns and provides a no-sweat experience when braking at high speeds.

The RLX arrives with an abundance of people-pleasing content, but you will need to shell out more than the \$50,000 base price to add



The RLX's interior fits well and is neat and tidy. The centre console can be opened from the left or the right.

a number of collision-mitigating features, the navigation system, premium leather package and your choice of two high-end audio systems.

The RLX is a giant leap forward for Acura and is comparable to more established luxury brands in style and content, with a smidgen of "takaburi" tossed in for good measure.



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Common Issues

Start your visit with a used R8 candidate by inspecting the vehicle's tires and brakes. Ensure the seller isn't passing off a set of rubber or brake pads and rotors that are in need of replacement. A tire tread-depth gauge can help. Squealing brakes are a sign of wear and a mechanical inspection at an Audi dealer should be considered mandatory.

Check all interior electronics twice — paying



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attention to the MMI system and ensuring it activates, boots up and manipulates various functions properly. Ensure no "check engine" or "service vehicle" notifications are present in the instrument cluster. Shift the manual transmission quickly, ensuring the clutch "bites" hard, and works without slippage. Some owners report electronic dialing-back of engine power when shifting quickly if the clutch is slipping, which is intended to increase durability. Finally, inspect the R8's paint for signs of blotchiness.

Engine



This range-topping Audi got Quattro AWD teamed to a 4.2 litre, 420-horsepower V8 and a six-speed manual transmission as standard kit. Shoppers could opt for an up-level V10 engine, which bumped displacement to 5.2 litres and horsepower to 525. An "R-Tronic" auto-clutch gearbox was available on both models.

What owners like



Owners love the exclusivity, style, performance and bragging-rights that come as part of the R8's package. Ease of entry and exit and an everyday-comfortable ride are noted.

What owners dislike



Limited cargo storage and a sometimes-fussy MMI interface are among the most common owner complaints.

Verdict

Reliability information is largely inconclusive on used R8 models in the first half of this generation — though they are a hot item in the used market nonetheless. Opt for a model with as much of its factory warranty remaining as possible to be safe. Extended warranty, if available, may protect against high repair bills down the line, too.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Think before you act and resist the urge to be provocative. You may think you can get away with just about anything but that isn't true, and will be even less true as the week goes on.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You would like to make an intelligent assessment of a situation but how can you when the facts are confusing? Don't worry. A few days from now everything will be clear and you'll know what to do.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Today's link between Jupiter in your sign and your ruling planet Mercury will encourage you to see things in a more open and optimistic fashion. Life is as good as you want to make it, today and every day.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Take care when dealing with people in positions of power because some of them are in a touchy mood. Wherever possible, keep a distance between you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may have strong opinions about certain issues but if you are smart, you won't make a big deal of them. Even if facts and figures are on your side just keep quiet and let others argue among themselves.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will say too much today. With your ruler Mercury nicely linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, you just can't keep your mouth shut. And why should you when you're right?

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

According to the planets, you are in the mood to say and do things that shock. That's OK but make sure you know what the possible consequences could be, especially the financial consequences.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be feeling quietly confident about your chances but if you are wise you won't take anything for granted over the next 48 hours.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Honesty is your best policy today, even if it means telling a friend something they may not want to hear. Jupiter, your ruler, will help you say it in a way that doesn't hurt their feelings.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If it feels right to make a snap decision today then do so. Even if you are acting on limited information there is every chance you will reach the right conclusion, and maybe hit the jackpot financially too.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You need to make a decision about your work but you are torn between two different approaches. How do you resolve this dilemma? A second opinion will help you establish your own opinion.

Pisces

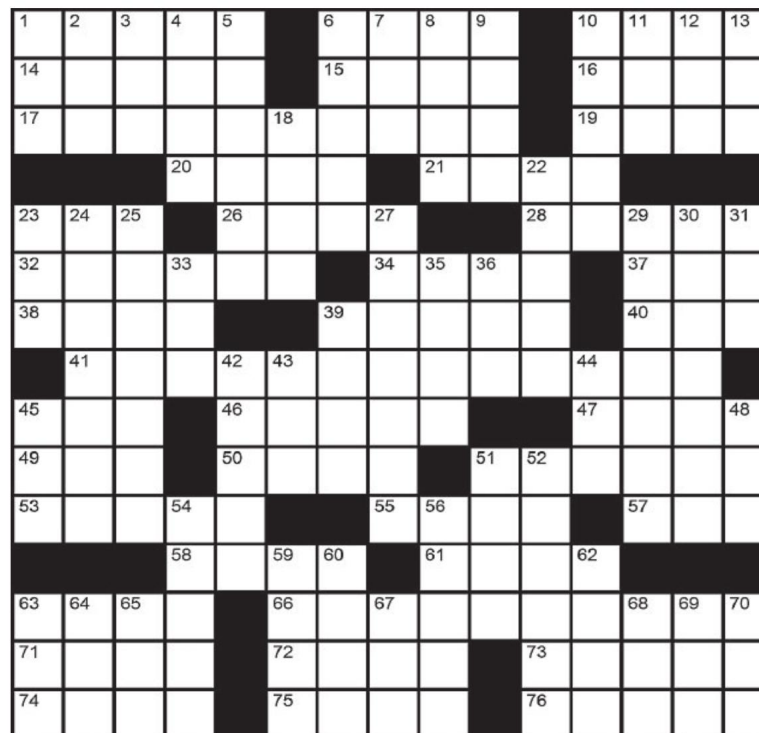
Feb. 20 - March 20

You will need to put on a brave face, especially if you get news that seems to be the opposite of what you were hoping to hear. The key word there is "seems", because most likely it is good news. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "___ I Say" by Ray Charles
6. Cooking amt.
10. Shania Twain's "I ___ No Quitter"
14. "Well, golly!!"
15. Competed, ___ race
16. Middy
17. Movie reviewer: 2 wds.
19. Fair
20. Gull-like bird
21. Money in Mexico
23. World Series org.
26. Finales
28. ___ Oklahoma
32. Tenner, in time
34. Scotch stuff; it's sticky
37. Job, for short
38. Chat
39. "Rio" band, when doubled
40. Rocker Mr. Adams, to pals
41. Who writes Metro's In Focus column?: 2 wds.
45. 6's phone letters
46. Ornamental containers
47. Base
49. Eggs come in one [abbr.]
50. San __, Italy
51. Fabric softener brand
53. Fashion mag
55. Unaccompanied



57. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
58. Drawn dog
61. Dove sounds
63. Canadian telecom company
66. On-camera acting audition: 2 wds.
71. Seed's protector
72. 'Bul' add-on

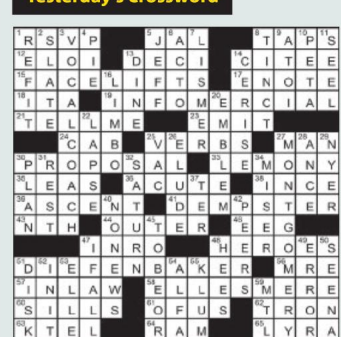
- (Country in Europe)
 73. "Best ___ Had" by Drake
 74. Count on
 75. Trevor ___ (Tony-winning Cats director)
 76. Antique-style water carriers
- Down**
1. Panda-symbol org.

2. Masses, with Polloi
3. Pointy tool
4. Canadian coffee chain, affectionately
5. Like some backyards
6. Set of three
7. Ghost's pet
8. Cut
9. Walking speed

10. Variety of pear
11. Promise to pay
12. Yeses opposites
13. AC/DC song: "___"
18. Written symbol of yore
22. Shorthand, shortly
23. Summer hrs. in Alberta

24. Foo Fighters song: "___ Fly"
25. CFL players in the West: acronym + wd.
27. MGM and Paramount, and others
29. East Coast catch
30. Newfoundland rum
31. 'Delic' suffix
33. US dog org.
35. Bows
36. ___ excellence
39. Snare, for one
42. Bible king
43. 'Passion' suffix
44. Function
45. 1200 in ancient Rome
48. Tip to 'pia' (Near-sightedness)
51. Ice mass
52. Canuck coin
54. Canadian actress Ms. Parker
56. "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
59. "This ___ unexpected surprise!"
60. Light brown
62. K-___ ('Twilight' flicks actress, nicknamed)
63. Chocolate ___
64. Earlier, olde-style
65. Abner of comics
67. Tin Tin's lead-in
68. Adam and ___
69. Religious address, briefly
70. Mr. Knight's, formerly of "Grey's Anatomy"

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	3	1	2	5	4	8	7	6
2	4	8	7	6	1	5	9	3
6	5	7	9	3	8	1	2	4
1	7	2	6	9	5	4	3	8
3	8	6	4	1	2	9	5	7
5	9	4	8	7	3	2	6	1
7	6	5	1	4	9	3	8	2
4	2	3	5	8	7	6	1	9
8	1	9	3	2	6	7	4	5

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			3	8		6		
3	7	8				9		
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	2					6		
	9		8		3			5
		4				1	5	7
	2			9	4			
	6	5						

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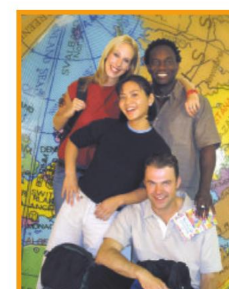
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